

**AALS Section on State and Local Government Law**  
**2022 AALS Annual Meeting**  
**Call for Proposals**

**Program Description:** The AALS Sections on State and Local Government Law and Community Economic Development are seeking speakers for our joint main program at the 2022 AALS Annual Virtual Meeting, “**Progressive Perspectives on Local Economic Development Moving Forward.**” This program will explore new ideas for local governments to consider with respect to economic development in a post-pandemic era. The session will focus on law reform and scholarship that seeks to build forward-looking movements that create inclusive economic development, and considers the relevance of core legal tensions concerning regionalism and localism, the limits of government intervention in the economy, impacts of market forces on policy, and similarities and differences to past periods of local growth. The program is intended to be broad in focus. Potential topics include:

- What economic development structures did COVID-19 expose as not meeting community needs? How did plans change at the time during the COVID-19 pandemic and how does that inform what should be done for the future (in a progressive, big thinking way)?
- How might contested relations between states and localities limit new ideas about local economic development?
- What is the role of regionalism as a concept and regional institutions in practice in fostering/frustrating local economic development?
- How can economic development tools and process be used to address past economic inequality and ensure future equitable distribution of economic growth?
- How does resiliency fit into the conversation around economic development?

**Submission Guidelines:** If you are interested in participating, please send a 250-500 word abstract of your proposal. Scholarship associated with the proposal may be at any stage of the publication process from work-in-progress to completed article, but if already completed, scholarship may not be published prior to the Annual Meeting. We welcome legal scholarship across a wide variety of methodological approaches and encourage untenured scholars in particular to submit their work. Each potential speaker may submit only one abstract for consideration. Abstracts must be submitted by Friday, July 30, 2021. Abstracts should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word format to both Kellen Zale ([kbzale@central.uh.edu](mailto:kbzale@central.uh.edu)) and Ted De Barbeiri ([edebe@albanylaw.edu](mailto:edebe@albanylaw.edu)). The subject line should read “AALS 2022 Joint Program Submission: Local Economic Development.” Submissions will be reviewed by members of both Sections’ Executive Committees, and the selected presenters will be notified by early September. Speakers are responsible for paying their own registration fees (AALS will be offering school-wide registration again this year).